Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota

Office of the Governor

Whereas, History helps us to define our diverse cultural identities and understand our past; and,

Whereas, Archival institutions have a responsibility to collect, organize, preserve, and make available records that document the history of the state of South Dakota and the plains region for the education and appreciation of present and future generations; and,

Whereas, Archives have a duty to provide public access to their records, and it is the goal of archives to increase public awareness of the role archives play in providing knowledge about the historical and cultural heritage of South Dakota; and,

Whereas, There are numerous county, municipal, university, and private archives in addition to the South Dakota State Historical Society – State Archives in South Dakota, which cooperate in the preservation and accessibility of the state's documentary heritage; and,

Whereas, We recognize the value of South Dakota's archives – our historical records and the numerous ways they enrich our lives:

Now, Therefore, I Dennis Daugaard, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim October 2015 as

ARCHIVES MONTH

in South Dakota, and encourage our citizens to discover the rich treasures contained in the archival repositories across the state and to celebrate the value of South Dakota's historical records.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Sixteenth Day of September in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Fifteen.

Dennis Daugaard

Dennis Daugaard, Governor

Attest:

Shantel Krebs

Shantel Krebs, Secretary of State